

ABSTRACT

WA-I-016

19th Century

Dalton

Williamsport Vicinity

private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-016
District 2
Map 56
Parcel 143

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Dalton

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North of Old Route 68, Lappans Road

CITY, TOWN

 VICINITY OF Williamsport

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Paul Anderson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21795

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 271

Folio #: 539

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 4007

DATE

Summer 1967

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Dalton is located at the end of a private lane which leads in a northerly direction from old route 68 about one and a half miles east of Williamsport in Washington County, Maryland.

The house is situated on level ground and faces south. It is a three story, five bay dwelling of stone and brick covered with rough cast or stucco. In many areas the stucco has fallen away revealing the masonry beneath. Most of the west end wall would appear to be of native limestone construction. The chimney area, however appears to be brick. Missing stucco near the east end of the front elevation displays a brick wall. The east end wall is of brick as well. At the rear or north elevation a vertical seam in the stucco is evident extending partially up the wall between the third and fourth bays from the west end. No decorative masonry or stucco work was observed. The house has high elevations with half windows present near ground level at the front and rear walls. Dormers are present in the south and north slopes of the roof. At the south elevation they are not aligned with the windows of the two main stories.

Windows appear to be arranged symmetrically in the walls. All have narrow rounded frames which hold six over six pane double hung sashes. The frames show no evidence of having had hinge pins for shutters. The half windows near ground level are framed similarly with three over three light sashes. Three gable roofed dormers extend from the south slope of the roof. The windows have six over six light sashes and are flanked with pairs of oval colonettes. Two similar dormers without the colonettes are located in the north slope of the roof.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. A broad elliptical fanlight with ray muntins extends across the door and a pair of sidelights. The double four panel doors are flanked by doric colonettes. Access to the entrance is gained by way of a run of stairs leading to an entrance porch with a low hipped roof supported by square pillars. A rear entrance, approximately opposite the front door is reached by a flight of steps leading to a small porch resting on concrete block foundations.

The roof is sheathed with sheet metal and terminates with tapered barge boards set directly against the end walls. The eaves are finished with boxing trimmed with several courses of molding. Large brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.

The interior of Dalton is said to contain 19 rooms with a broad entrance hall having a curved stair open to the attic. According to local history, slaves were kept in the attic which was partitioned into sleeping quarters. Dalton is also said to contain a black walnut dumb waiter leading from the kitchen which was apparently in the cellar to the dining room.

The house appears to be in fair condition and stands on a tract containing 167 acres. Barns and other agricultural outbuildings are located behind the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Ca. 1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Dalton stands on part of Conococheague Manor, a large tract of land which was reserved early the 18th century for Lord Baltimore. Lord Baltimore sold Conococheague Manor in 1767 and eventually it came into the hands of General Samuel Ringgold who had a large mansion at what is now St. James School. Samuel Ringgold is remembered as one of Washington County's wealthiest citizens who served as a congressman during the early 1800's.

In 1820 Samuel Ringgold and his second wife Maria Antoinette Hays, granddaughter of President Madison sold 772 1/2 acres of Conococheague Manor to John R. Dall for \$34,762.50. (EE/672). Presumably the Dalls built Dalton as it is seen today. Although the Dalls were apparently a very wealthy family, financial difficulties arose leading to the eventual sale of Dalton then containing 372 acres, in 1868 to Benjamin Long. (LBN2/326). Throughout the remainder of the 19th century and the early 20th century, Dalton changed hands numerous times, often as the result of financial difficulties of its various owners. During the late 1800's Dalton was owned by Richard H. Alvey, Jr., son of a prominent Hagerstown attorney who served as Chief Justice of Maryland.

In an equity court case which occurred in 1883, Dalton was described as having improvements consisting of a two story brick and stone dwelling, rough casted, a comfortable barn, a tenant house, two corn cribs, wagon sheds and all necessary farm outbuildings. There was also a large orchard of apples and other fruit.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

Williamsport Chamber of Commerce. Williamsport and Vicinity. Williamsport, Md., 1933.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 167 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY.

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

February 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

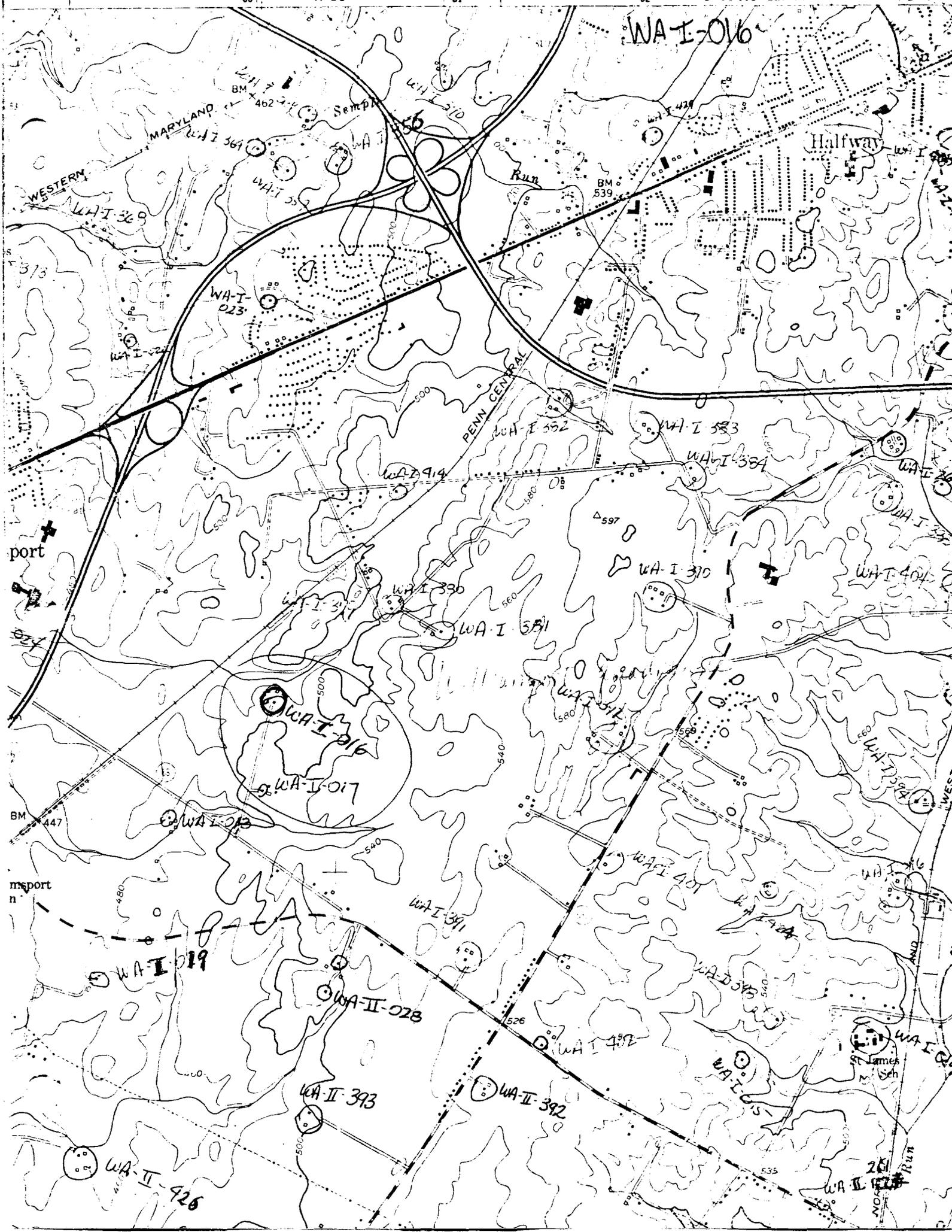
STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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